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I would like to voice my support for the decision to settle the Microsoft anti-trust case. To litigate the issue further, in my opinion, only benefits Microsoft's competitors...not the public as a whole. Further litigation will only add to the economic uncertainty of the technology sector and please the leadership of the companies that are lobbying so aggressively against the Microsoft settlement.

I have been amazed at the power that Microsoft's competitors seem to have over the state Attorney's General. I honestly believe this has been an abuse of our legal system by these companies that are simply trying to get a competitive edge over Microsoft. As a member of the information technology profession, I feel I have some credibility on the subject. While Microsoft certainly has some quirks and problems with some of their products, they have still done more for the growth of technology in our country than any other company, without question. The tools they provide to professionals like myself, for a fraction of the cost that is demanded by their competitors, help professionals to move their employers forward technologically. Microsoft provides many resources, tools, and libraries of technical information for free or at a minimal cost. For example, their database and email servers are priced lower than the competition, and under most circumstances outperform the competition's products. Microsoft has succeeded because they provide good products at prices the public can afford.

Please don't listen to the relentless efforts of Microsoft's competition to prolong litigation on the anti-trust case. They are simply out to destroy Microsoft to benefit themselves financially. If the DOJ wants to protect consumers, focus on correcting any wrongs Microsoft has made, and let the free market (not the court room) determine which company has the best products.

Regards,

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